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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

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11 August 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 3/8

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Messages

1. FOOD SITUATION

(1) From a message from Moscow to Kujbyshev-NKRF (People's Commissariat for the River Fleet): "In order to improve the feeding of children housed in kindergartens, have the food cards taken up from the parents of the children in question in the presence of the Director of Workshops in Alekseevka."

(2) In Kujbyshev-NKRF there is criticism that the offices of Timber Procurement have no system in supplying bread and that no mid-day meals and community feeding have been set up.

(3) Grain Procurement in Nalchik received a carload of imported haricot beans.

(4) Armavir is instructed to deliver at once 320 tons of grain to the state sale points. For this purpose a 20-hour working period for the threshing machines is to be guaranteed.

(5) According to a decree, the production of dried vegetables in Aktyubinsk Oblast¹ is to be considerably increased. The necessary labor force has already been instructed in courses.

(6) The NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry had mowed 612 hectares up to 20 June and had brought in 710 tons of hay.

(7) Ural'sk-NKRF has brought in 750 hectares of hay and has cut 45 hectares of wheat.

(8) The Canning Industry in Ordzhonikidze is disposing of the following agricultural machines:

- 5 grass-cutting machines for draft animals
- 2 grass-cutting machines for tractors
- 7 rakes
- 1 threshing machine

(9) The North Osetian NK for Agriculture in Ordzhonikidze requires 3000 plowshares.

(10) The NK for the Food Industry in Ordzhonikidze is to produce 100 tons of macaroni products in August, according to plan. It is instructed to exceed the planned quantity as much as possible, because an increase of production is desired by the government.

(11) The Tobacco-Fermenting Plant in Sukhumi is to deliver 300 tons of export tobacco. It can deliver only 120 tons.

(12) 100 tons of yarn and 70 tons of thread are authorized to Tobacco Procurement in Tiflis for the tobacco harvest in Georgia.

Requisitions, authorizations, deliveries, and supplies noted:

I. REQUISITIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(13)	Pyatigorsk, Power Combine	2000 liters	Wine	Pyatigorsk	For the 3rd quarter
		2000	Cider	Wine Factory	"
		1000	Schnaps		"
(14)	Ordzhonikidze, Canning Industry	5 tons	Rubber rings	----	For preserves

(15) The Bread Trust in Tiflis must produce 900 tons of zwieback monthly, according to plan, and requires the quantity of flour necessary for this.

II. AUTHORIZATIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(16)	Kazan'-NKRF	1500 tons	Salt	Stalingrad-NKRF	---
(17)	Saratov-NKRF	1000	Salt	"	In July
(18)	Moscow-NKRF	1000	Salt	"	In July
(19)	Gorkij-NKRF	250	Salt	"	---
(20)	Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	10,500	Salt	Pavlodar-NKRF	In July
(21)	Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency	4,100	Salt	"	In July
(22)	Kutaisi, Canning Factory	18	Salt	Tiflis, Chief Directorate for Salt	In August
(23)	Gori	36	Salt	"	"
(24)	Zestafoni, "Ferro"	5	Salt	"	"
(25)	Tiflis-NKVD	16	Salt	"	---
(26)	Pyatigorsk, Bread Sales	120	Salt	Pyatigorsk, Salt Sales	In 3rd quarter
(27)	Pyatigorsk-NKVD	2	Salt	Makhachkala, Salt Sales	---

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(28)	Tkvarcheli-Coal	10 tons	Feed grain	Tiflis, Grain Procurement	In August
(29)	Tkvibuli-Coal	14	Feed grain	"	In August
(30)	Georgian Mine Construction	7	Feed grain	"	In August
(31)	Georgian Coal Hauling	2.5	Feed grain	"	In August
(32)	Stavropol', NK for the Food Industry	15	Flour	Stavropol', Grain Procurement	In July
(33)	Military Warehouse No. 17, NKVD	10	Zwieback	Groznyj, Food Combine	---
(34)	Tiflis, Vegetable Fat Supply	3	Vegetable fat	Tiflis, C. D. for Oil Supply	In 3rd quarter
(35)	Labor Supply, Base Point No. 4	25	Vegetable fat	Tiflis, C. D. for Vegetable Fat and Oil	"
(36)	Dokshukino, Distillery	2.2	Vegetable fat	Nalchik, NK for Trade	"
		3.0	Butter	"	"
(37)	Kislovodsk, Central Sanatorium of the Navy	0.5	Butter	Pyatigorsk, Meat and Dairy Sales	In August
		1.0	Meat	"	In August
(38)	Tiflis-NKVD	10	Meat	Tiflis, Meat and Dairy Sales	In 3rd quarter
(39)	Dokshukino, Distillery	4.4	Meat	Nalchik, NK for Trade	In 3rd quarter
		8.7	Fish	"	In 3rd quarter
		0.9	Sugar	"	In 3rd quarter
		1.9	Candy	"	In 3rd quarter
(40)	Sukhumi, Naval Sutlery	2 carloads	Wine	Baku, Naval Sutlery	In 3rd quarter
(41)	Arkhangel'sk, Naval Sutlery	2	Wine	"	In 3rd quarter
(42)	Southern Front	11,000 liters	Alcohol	Pyatigorsk, Alcohol Trust	In 3rd quarter

III. DELIVERIES

(43)	Groznyj, Distillery	61 tons	Barley	Stavropol', Grain Procurement South	---
(44)	Ordzhonikidze, Distillery	86	Barley	"	---
(45)	Groznyj	2,557	Sunflowers	Stavropol', Grain Procurement South	In July
(46)	Nalchik	2,000	Sunflowers	"	In July
(47)	Saratov	310	Rhizinus (?)	"	In July
(48)	Kraj	18	Flaxseed	"	In July
		40	Mustard	"	In July
(49)	Troop Units	300	Potatoes	Nalchik, NK for Procurement	In July
		800	Vegetables	"	In July
(50)	Erevan, Oil Plant	1,069	Soybeans	Tiflis, Grain Procurement	To 1 August
(51)	Navtlug, Oil Plant	78	Soybeans	"	Additional to 1 August

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(52)	Amur, Naval Sutlery	5 tons	Tobacco	Erevan, NK for Tobacco	---
(53)	Vladivostok, Naval Sutlery	5	Tobacco	"	---

IV. SUPPLIES

(54) Tiflis, Grain Procurement, as of 1 August:

1166 tons of	flour
951	groats
254	rye
1859	wheat

(55) Tiflis, Flour Combine, as of 1 August:

981 tons of	flour
115	groats
6	rye
3160	wheat

(56) Tiflis, Bread Bakery and Store, as of 1 August:

115 tons of	flour
6	groats

(57) Ordzhonikidze, NK for Trade for North Osetia, as of 1 July:

203 tons of	salt
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2. TIMBER SUPPLY

(58) Gorkij-NKRF is to receive 20,000 cubic meters of floated timber from the Sheksna Steamship Agency and is to furnish 80 workers for assembling the timber.

(59) Omsk-NKRF has to procure 40,000 cubic meters of firewood and to deliver it to the timber distribution exchanges.

(60) The Georgian Canning Trust in Tiflis is disposing of a supply of 10,000 cubic meters of thin packing boards.

(61) The Georgian Timber Supply in Tiflis shipped 14 tons of boxwood to the Timber Supply in Kujbyshev on 9 July.

The following timber authorizations were noted:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(62)	Yaroslavl'-NKRF	2000 cb. met.	Timber	---	---
(63)	Stalingrad-NKRF	5000	Timber	Belyj Yar	---
(64)	Ufa-NKRF	6000	Timber	Bashkir	---
(65)	Gorkij, Plant "Teplokhod"	500	Shipbuilding timber	---	---
(66)	Astrakhan, "Volga Tanker"	9000	Shipbuilding timber	---	---
(67)	Stalingrad-NKRF	5035	Shipbuilding timber	Stalingrad, Timber Supply	---
(68)	Kujbyshev-NKRF	10, 500	Shipbuilding timber	Molotov-NKRF	---
(69)	Novosibirsk- NKRF	20, 000 cb. met.	Shipbuilding timber	---	Allotment during the shipping period
(70)	Krasnodar, Distillery	350	Logs	---	In 3rd quarter
(71)	Erevan, Armenian Electricity	15 carloads	Logs	Stalingrad, Plant for Trans- mission Poles	Impregnated
(72)	Stalingrad, Reconstruction Directorate, Don-Kuban	6235 cb. met.	Logs	Stalingrad, Timber Supply	---
(73)	Chkalovsk-NKRF	30	Logs	Kazan'-NKRF	In third quarter (oak)
(74)	Kalach-NKRF	1000	Planks	Stalingrad, Timber Supply	---
(75)	Chiaturi, Man- ganese Trust	50 carloads	Pit props	"	In August
(76)	Astrakhan-NKRF	11, 580 cb. met.	Lumber for construction	Astrakhan, Timber Supply	---
(77)	Krasnodar, Distillery	150	Sawn timber	---	---
(78)	Novosibirsk-NKRF	105, 000	Firewood	---	Allotment during the shipping period

3. CHEMICAL SUPPLY

(79) At the insistence of the State Defense Committee, Kujbyshev-NKRF has to guarantee the transport of 25, 000 tons of chemical stone in the third quarter for the enterprises of the NK for Chemistry.

(80) A soda factory is shortly to be put in operation in Krasnoyarsk. From August on, the NKRF enterprises in Krasnoyarsk are to guarantee the transport of 1000 tons of mirabilit (?) monthly for the factory.

(81) Saratov-NKRF is allowed the use of carbide only for the manufacture of acetylene gas.

(82) The plant "Sovpren" in Erevan has to undertake greater deliveries of caustic soda in August (for details see table). The transport is compared in urgency to deliveries of military importance.

The following requisitions, authorizations, and deliveries were noted:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(83)	Kotovska (?) Plant "Boevik"	16 tons	Calcined soda	Kulunda, Sulphur Plant "Mikhajlov"	For August
(84)	Tiflis, C.D. for Textile Supply	1	Carbide	---	For 3rd quarter
(85)	Tiflis, Tannin Plant	5	Butanol	---	---

II. AUTHORIZATIONS

(86)	Chistopol'-NKRF	15 tons	Calcium Chloride	Bondyuzhskij, Chemical Plant (?)	---
(87)	Chistopol'-NKRF	10	Calcium Chloride	Kujbyshev	---
(88)	Tiflis, Meat and Dairy Industry	3 4	Hydrochloric Acid Sulphuric Acid	Tiflis, C.D. for Chemical Sales	In 3rd quarter
(89)	Tkvarcheli-Coal	2	Sulphuric Acid	"	"
(90)	Tkvibuli-Coal	2	Sulphuric Acid	Tiflis, C.D. for Chemical Sales	In 3rd quarter
(91)	Ulan-Ude-NKRF	0.3	Sulphite Lye	Balakhninsk	---
(92)	Upper Volga Steamship Agency	4	Trinatrium Phosphate	Gorkij, River Fleet Supply	---
(93)	Irkutsk, Lena Steamship Agency	1 carload	"	"	In July
(94)	Groznyj, Electric Power	1	Super- phosphate	Voskresensk, Moscow-Chemical Combine	For August
95)	Baku, Oil Supply	1 ton	Carbide	Erevan, Oil Supply	---
96)	NK for Munitions, Plants 1, 15, 204	60	Carbide	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	For August
97)	Tiflis, C.D. for Oil Supply	4 carloads	Carbide	Erevan, Chemical Plant	---
98)	Military Warehouse #404	1	Calcium Carbide	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	---
99)	Baku, NK for Oil	225 tons	Caustic soda	Erevan, "Sovpren"	In August

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(100)	Groznyj, Oil Supply	70 tons	Caustic soda	Erevan, "Sovpren"	In August
(101)	Batumi, Oil Supply	6	"	"	"
(102)	Krasnovodsk Oil Supply	6	"	"	"
(103)	Voroshilov-Railroad	12	"	"	"
(104)	Ordzhonikidze-Railroad	18	"	"	"
(105)	Transcaucasian Railroad	12	"	"	"
(106)	Moscow	8	"	Arakchino-NKRF	---
(107)	Novosibirsk-NKRF	1 carload	"	Mikhajlov, Soda Plant	In July
(108)	Stalingrad NKRF	1	Ammonia	Astrakhan	---
(109)	Stalinsk, Construction Industry	15 tons	Dry camouflage dye	Tiflis	---
(110)	Astrakhan, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	5	Red dye	Gorkij	---
(111)	Astrakhan, "Volga Tanker"	1.5	Varnish	Gorkij	---
(112)	Chkalovsk-NKRF	1	"	Gorkij	In 3rd quarter
(113)	Molotov, Water Transport Base	2	"	Sverdlovsk	In 3rd quarter
(114)	Ilijsk-NKRF	0.3	"	Alma-Ata	In 3rd quarter
(115)	Rybach'e-NKRF	0.2	"	Frunze	In 3rd quarter
(116)	Saratov-NKRF	1	"	---	In 3rd quarter
(117)	Kujbyshev-NKRF	0.6	"	---	In 3rd quarter
(118)	Bobrovka-NKRF	0.6	"	Novosibirsk	In 3rd quarter
(119)	Ulan-Ude NKRF	0.6	"	Irkutsk	In 3rd quarter
(120)	Stavropol', Agricultural Supply	6	Soap	---	In 3rd quarter
(121)	Tiflis, Georgian Textile Supply	5	Soap	Tiflis, C.D. for Perfume	In 3rd quarter
(122)	Tiflis-NKVD	1	Soap	"	---

III. DELIVERIES

(123)	---	2 carloads	Carbide	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	---
(124)	Plant 538	1	Carbide	"	---
(125)	Baku	400 tons	Caustic soda	Erevan, Oil Supply	---
(126)	Groznyj	50	"	"	---

4. TRANSPORT SITUATION

(127) From a message to all NKRF offices it appears that an extraordinarily unsatisfactory tempo of work has been noticed in all lines of the River Fleet in the course of the shipping period to date. This results in disorganization of the work of the landing places, unsatisfactory utilization of tonnage, and a block in the fulfillment of the transport plan.

(128) From another message to all NKRF offices:

In connection with the lowering of the water level, the maintenance of a normal depth of water is to be considered a decisive prerequisite for the fulfillment of the transport plan. It is a duty of the Waterways Directorate to guarantee by appropriate measures the requisite depths of water in the waterways.

The following individual messages are submitted concerning deficiencies in the River Fleet:

(129) The water is not deep enough in the limits of the Upper Kama, the Vytegra, and the Vyatka because of insufficient preparations.

(130) Many ships which have limited usefulness are employed for freight destined for Moscow, so that reloading into other ships is necessary on the way.

(131) Clay towboats remain longer than planned in Semipalatinsk. Unloading work takes an unsatisfactory amount of time. Only 10 freight cars were requested on 18 July for a 2,500 ton quantity of goods.

(132) In Omsk on account of bad organization of loading and unloading, ships remain in position over the norm. As of 22 July Omsk has only 30% fulfilled the task of providing cargo space for the transport of salt from Pavlodar.

(133) As of 20 July, Ust'-Usa has fulfilled only 61.2% of the transport plan.

(134) In Vladimirovka the tow boats from the Upper and Middle Volga, which were provided for loading with salt, are arriving in a dirty condition. They still partly hold the remains of the old load.

(135) Because of non-provision of the necessary tonnage in July, the Meat Combine in Engels could not receive the 1500 tons of salt due from Vladimirovka.

(136) In transporting cotton from Chardzhou to Aral'sk, the packing is in such bad condition that it must be renewed before unloading.

(137) Kujbyshev could not receive any varnish in the second quarter because of non-provision of tank cars.

(138) For transport of the 1943 grain harvest there is in Kujbyshev a tonnage requisition by the Grain Procurement for only 3500 tons, although the following quantities of bread grain are ready for shipment.

in Belyj-Yar	700 tons
in Bektashka	600
in Dukhnovitska	500
and in various other landing places	
an additional	1200

(139) A supply of coke destined for Balakovo has been stored in Batraki for 15 days and cannot be transported because Kujbyshev does not provide the necessary cargo space.

(140) The chalk factory in Shilovo has discontinued delivery of chalk, because means of transport are lacking. For that reason Kujbyshev is not in a position to accomplish the planned transport of 500 tons of chalk and requires trucks.

Transport plan figures and transport carried out:

(141) According to the July plan, Semipalatinsk had to transport altogether 3,040 tons of millet from various landing places to the Urga railroad station for the NK for Procurement.

(142) Novosibirsk had to accomplish the following transport of millet in July, in order of urgency:

to Chelyabinsk	100 tons
to Syzran	500
to Volodarsk	300
to Shelabolikha	500
and to other destinations altogether	800

(143) The grain elevator in Kujbyshev has to shift 10,000 tons of grain from Chkalovsk Oblast' in August.

(144) Pavlodar had to guarantee in July the transportation of 15,000 tons of salt on towboats of the Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency. For this purpose Omsk-NKRF had to place 15,000 tons of cargo space at its disposal from the 20th to the 31st of July.

(145) Five freight cars were authorized to the Fish Sales in Erevan for the transport of fish on the Transcaucasian Railroad.

(146) Gorkij delivered:

to Moscow	850 tons of salt
to Arkhangel'sk	950 tons of salt
to Cherepovets	200 tons of salt
to Vologda	230 tons of salt
to Rybinsk	750 tons of salt

(147) According to the July plan, the Upper Volga Steamship Agency in Gorkij has to transfer a towboat-tonnage of 7000 tons to the Lower Volga Steamship Agency in Stalingrad.

(148) In July Ufa has at its disposal 32,000 tons of cargo space for grain transport.

(149) The NK for Oil in Moscow requests the Chief of the Transcaucasian Railroad in Tiflis to guarantee the provision of freight cars according to the July plan for cement transport from Kishly and Taus to the Oil Combine in Groznyj. The cement is needed for the reconstruction of boreholes.

(150) Kalach is directed to report 50 days in advance the required monthly quantity of railroad cars. For September Kalach has proposed 484 freight cars for timber transport.

(151) Georgian Mining, including the mines of Tkvarcheli-Coal and Tkvibuli-Coal, is using transport with harnessed vehicles.

(152) Saratov reports that the steamer "Pushkin" has fulfilled the transport plan by 163% and has economized 58 tons of fuel.

(153) Stalingrad reports that the steamer "Udarnik-Pravdy" has fulfilled the July transport plan by 100% up to 22 July and has economized 9 tons of fuel. The steamers "Serp i Molot" and "Pyatiletka" will be transferred from the Kama Steamship Agency to the Lower Volga Steamship Agency for use in the Saratov-Kamust'e section.

(154) Stalingrad has delivered 300 cubic meters of timber to the Military Reconstruction Directorate of the Don-Kuban with its own tugs. Further deliveries will not be made for lack of cargo space.

(155) Newly noted plants:

- A new industrial building in Stalinsk (Kemerovo Oblast')
- Plants of the NK for Munitions, Plants 1 and 15, location unknown
- Plant 538, location unknown
- A chemical plant of the Moscow Combine in Voskresensk (90 kilometers south-east of Moscow)
- A soda plant in Krasnoyarsk, to be put into operation shortly
- Sulphur plant "Mikhajlov" in Kulunda (420 kilometers southeast of Omsk)
- Plant "Boevik" in Kotovska (location unknown)
- A sugar plant in Girej (Krasnodar Oblast')
- A plant for telephone poles in Stalingrad